GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:114
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2002
COLLECTION OF ROAD CESS
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds collected as Road Cess from levy on petrol, diesel etc. during the last three years;

(b) whether this cess has been totally utilised by the Central Road Fund;

(c) the various items on which the funds were spent from the Central Road Fund;

(d) whether most of the cess has been used for non-development expenditure; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for proper utilisation of the cess?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.114 DUE ANSWER ON 22-07-2002 ASKED BY PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU REGARDING COLLECTION OF ROAD CESS

(a) As per the information obtained from Ministry of Finance, the funds collected from Road Cess from levy on petrol and dieselduring the last three years are as under:-

Year	Cess collected (Rs. in crore)
1999 - 2000	5223
2000 - 2001	5169
(upto Nov-01) 2001 - 2002	3398

(b) Yes Sir. Cess being levied on petrol and diesel is credited to the Central Road Fund as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund Act, 2000.

(c) Central Road Fund is being used for Rural roads, National Highways, State roads, Road under/over bridges and safety works at railway level crossings.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.